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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Frank Akselberg

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For: PRESSURE COMPENSATED
PILOT OPERATED CHECK
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Group Art Unit: 3751

Examiner: Peter T. Devore

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 12, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 12, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0128/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.